

Claims

What I claim as my invention is:

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1. A publishing system, comprising:
  - a database adapted to store a plurality of documents;
  - a plurality of computers, each of which is adapted to be coupled to said database;
  - a network connecting said plurality of computers together for communication of data
- 5 relating to said plurality of documents among said plurality of computers and said database;
  - means for submitting a new document to said database;
  - means for reviewing said new document;
  - means for relating said new document to said plurality of documents; and
  - means for publishing a journal of a selected portion of said plurality of documents.
2. The system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of computers comprises a server and a plurality of clients.
3. The system according to claim 2, wherein said server comprises a web server and said plurality of clients each further comprise a browser.
4. The system according to claim 3, wherein said submitting means further comprises first means for translating said new document from a first data format to a second data format.
5. The system according to claim 4, wherein said first data format comprises a native word processor format and said second data format comprises a format compatible to said browser.
6. The system according to claim 5, wherein said publishing means further comprises second means for translating said selected portion of said plurality of documents from said second data format to a third data format.
7. The system according to claim 6, wherein said third data format comprises a format selected from the group consisting of conventional typesetting formats and conventional page layout formats.

8. The system according to claim 2, wherein said server further comprises means for searching said database.
9. The system according to claim 4, wherein said second data format comprises a hypertext mark-up language (HTML) format.
10. The system according to claim 8, further comprising a removable medium that is adapted to store said database and includes said means for searching said database.
11. The system according to claim 10, wherein said removable medium further comprises means for communicating with said server.
12. The system according to claim 11, wherein said communicating means comprises said browser.

13. A publishing method, comprising the steps of:  
providing a computer system at one location, said computer system comprising a database that is adapted to store a plurality of documents, a plurality of computers including a web server and a plurality of clients, each of which is adapted to be coupled to said database through a browser, and a network connecting said plurality of computers together for communication of data relating to said plurality of documents among said plurality of computers and said database;  
5 inputting a new document to said computer system from another location displaced remotely from said one location, said new document having been input in a native word processor format;  
10 translating said new document from said native word processor format to a format compatible with said browser;  
storing said new document within said database in said browser-compatible format;  
relating said new document to said plurality of documents;  
accessing said new document in said browser-compatible format;  
15 reviewing said new document in said browser-compatible format;  
translating said new document from said browser-compatible format to a typesetting format; and  
publishing a journal of a selected portion of said plurality of documents in said typesetting format.

14. The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of publishing said journal in said browser-compatible format.

15. The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of publishing said journal in a format compatible with a removable medium.

16. The method according to claim 13, further comprising the steps of:  
5 assigning a reviewer to review said new document, said reviewer being located at a third location displaced remotely from said one location and said other location; and  
notifying said reviewer through said network that said new document is available for review.

17. A publishing system, comprising:  
a database adapted to store a plurality of documents, each of which was written by  
one or more authors in a native word processor format;  
first server means for managing said database;  
5 second server means for hosting an Internet website that is accessible by a plurality  
of clients, each of which is adapted to be coupled to said database through a browser;  
a first code segment for submitting a new document to said database in said native  
word processor format;  
a second code segment for translating said new document from said native word  
10 processor format to a browser-compatible format;  
a third code segment for reviewing said new document in said browser-compatible  
format;  
a fourth code segment for relating said new document to said plurality of documents;  
a fifth code segment for translating said plurality of documents from said browser-  
15 compatible format to a typesetting format; and  
means for publishing a journal in said typesetting format of a selected portion of said  
plurality of documents.

18. The system according to claim 17, further comprising a sixth code segment for  
publishing said journal on said Internet website in said browser-compatible format.

19. The system according to claim 17, wherein said Internet website is attributable to an  
organization, said one or more authors are members of said organization, said selected portion is  
adapted to be published in advance of a meeting of said organization, and a plurality of attendees is  
to attend said meeting.

20. The system according to claim 19, further comprising:  
a sixth code segment to facilitate access to said Internet website by said plurality of  
attendees; and  
a seventh code segment for making reservations at a site of said meeting.

21. The system according to claim 20, wherein said seventh code segment further comprises:

5 a first code subsegment for registering to attend said meeting;

a second code subsegment for reserving one or more break out sessions at said meeting;

a third code subsegment for reserving a room at a hotel at said site;

a fourth code subsegment for reserving transportation to said site; and

a fifth code subsegment for purchasing materials adapted to be distributed at said meeting.

22. The system according to claim 21, further comprising an eighth code segment adapted to store data in said database relating to a plurality of responses to said seventh code segment by said plurality of attendees, and manipulate and display said data in said browser-compatible format for review on said Internet website by one or more planners of said meeting.

23. The system according to claim 19, further comprising a ninth code segment for searching said database.

24. The system according to claim 23, further comprising a tenth code segment for publishing said journal in a format compatible with a removable medium, wherein said removable medium includes an eleventh code segment for searching said journal, a twelfth code segment for planning an itinerary of an attendee of said meeting, and a thirteenth code segment for prompting said attendee of any changes to said attendee's itinerary.